

I am very concerned that if the most wealthy corporation can buy up access to radio channels that currently are locally based, the ability to be informed about our immediate surroundings will be severely hampered (and the selection of music and talk shows would be abominably limited). Please do not allow the media companies to consolidate. It's important that our government not become the arm of an individual who represents an elite group: the wealthy class. America has been class-free for its entire history but that is slowly changing. We cannot afford to sell off our rights of freedom of speech, of the press to the highest bidder and in the process lose our real freedom of expression that is crucial to maintaining a democracy. We need our freedom of speech to keep America reality-oriented and allow our issues to be openly discussed. There's an unhealthy trend afoot toward secrecy in government.

Please help maintain wide access for many voices and help stave off this effort to deregulate our media.

Thank you --
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